

# SENATE BILL 569

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By: **Senator King**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Correctional Services – Limitation on Total Number of Diminution Credits –**  
3 **Violent Offenders and Sexual Offenders**

4 FOR the purpose of reducing the maximum total number of diminution credits that an  
5 inmate is allowed for a calendar month if the inmate’s term of confinement  
6 includes a sentence for certain crimes; and generally relating to diminution  
7 credits.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Correctional Services  
10 Section 3–701  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Correctional Services  
15 Section 3–708  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Correctional Services**

21 3–701.

22 In this subtitle, “term of confinement” means:

23 (1) the length of the sentence, for a single sentence; or

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (2) the period from the first day of the sentence that begins first  
2 through the last day of the sentence that ends last, for:

- 3                   (i) concurrent sentences;
- 4                   (ii) partially concurrent sentences;
- 5                   (iii) consecutive sentences; or
- 6                   (iv) a combination of concurrent and consecutive sentences.

7 3-708.

8           **(A)** [Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle] **EXCEPT AS**  
9 **PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION**, an inmate may not be allowed a  
10 **TOTAL** deduction under this subtitle of more than 20 days for a calendar month.

11           **(B)** **AN INMATE MAY NOT BE ALLOWED A TOTAL DEDUCTION UNDER**  
12 **THIS SUBTITLE OF MORE THAN 10 DAYS FOR A CALENDAR MONTH IF THE**  
13 **INMATE'S TERM OF CONFINEMENT INCLUDES A SENTENCE FOR:**

14                   **(1)** **A CRIME OF VIOLENCE AS DEFINED IN § 14-101 OF THE**  
15 **CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE; OR**

16                   **(2)** **A CRIME FOR WHICH THE INMATE IS SENTENCED TO A TERM**  
17 **OF LIFETIME SEXUAL OFFENDER SUPERVISION UNDER § 11-723 OF THE**  
18 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE.**

19           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2012.